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Upcoming Events

March

5-12 – Spring Break
26 – Piano Ensemble concert
30 – Pops concert

April

2 – Honors Day
12,13,14 – Spring play,
The Glass Menagerie
27,28 – Women of Faith
conference
27,28,29 – Worldview
Weekend

May

5 – Commencement

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March

3 – Ft. Lauderdale, FL
6 – Naples, FL
9 – Orlando, FL

April

16 – Miami Valley, OH
21 – Chicago, IL
28 – Indianapolis, IN

Spring 2007

Sanctified: CU Students Pursue a Lifestyle of Purity

To say that Yuki Johnson has a passion for purity is an understatement. Her heart for young women and her interest in speaking, reading, writing, and teaching on this topic led her to found Sanctify Ministries in 2000 out of her Colorado home. Yuki's vision for Sanctify was to teach teen girls how to live a lifestyle of purity.

Yuki began by holding a conference for a group of 18 girls from her church's youth group. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and the teens who came asked, "When are you going to do this again so we can bring our friends?" The next year's conference, held at a camp in Nebraska, attracted 50 girls from 3 states.

When Yuki came to Cedarville in 2003, coworkers asked about the work she had done in Colorado. When she told them about Sanctify Ministries, they replied, "You need to share that with somebody here." Soon, Yuki was able to see her vision take shape as teams of Cedarville women began conducting purity conferences for teenage girls here in Ohio.

Sanctify, at Cedarville, began as a women's Bible study based on the book *Gift-Wrapped by God*. Its focus was to teach the college women what it means to live a lifestyle of purity and equip them to go and disciple others. Yuki was thrilled to find 87 women at the first meeting. By the second meeting, 140 had signed up. The study averaged 100 students over 18 weeks.

Yuki's passion for teaching young women about purity stems from her own life experience. She shared, "I made a lot of mistakes in this area before I came to know the

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He said... Q&A with Evan Carter and Mark Hershey

As a member of the Discipleship Council, Evan leads a men's Bible study on purity. Mark serves as the student body chaplain.

How are you furthering the conversation about purity through your ministries on campus?

Evan – My discipleship group is reading through the book, *Sex and the Single Guy**. I have six guys in my small group. They, in turn, lead groups of about six guys through the book. We go through a chapter about every other week. We talk a lot about the book and our personal lives, and hold each other accountable each week. We're enjoying it, but it's also very personal. It can be rough getting the guys to open up, but we apply a lot of accountability truths so no one gets lost in the mix.

**Joseph Knable '05 wrote and published this book while a student at Cedarville University.*

Mark – I spoke in chapel about purity in December. It's easy for Cedarville students to set the bar on purity based on what the world is doing. When I talk about this subject, I try to encourage students not to settle there, but to set our eyes on Christ and strive for holiness. Proverbs 4:23 says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." When I shared that verse in chapel, I received emails that said, "God allowed me to see my life, my purity, my relationship with my boyfriend, my girlfriend in a totally different way." And it was all straight from God's Word, it wasn't any creative thing I said.

Why is purity a topic that warrants discussion on a Christian campus?

Evan – Among the guys in my group, most of our fathers did not talk to us about this or help us learn how to guard our hearts against things like pornography, which is so easy to access online and through other means. Only one guy's dad actually sat him down and talked with him about this issue. I want my guys to talk about purity with other men. We don't address it enough between ourselves. We're ready to talk about trusting in God and being dependent upon Him, but we're not ready to talk about this.

Mark – The Bible doesn't speak specifically to dating, so I'm grasping for something to hold onto, something from God's Word, advice from an advisor, a mentor – anything I can get because two things: I want the person I date to know Christ better having known me, and I want to grow in my own relationship with God. Practically, how do you do that? I think that's what a lot of people on campus are searching for because they genuinely care about their girlfriend, their fiancée, someone they like, and they care about their relationship with God.

What impact do you hope your respective ministries will have on campus?

Evan – One of the principles for overcoming lust, in Joe's book, is Scripture memorization. I give the guys verses every other week – I laminate them so the guys can carry them around. I want us to have Scripture memorized so that when Satan attacks in this area, we are able to recite Scripture, just as Christ did when he was tempted in the wilderness. Satan wants us to believe we are already defeated – we might as well give in because it's inevitable. But Christ paid for that, and Satan is defeated. We can always turn it back on him and say "You're done. I don't have to give in to this temptation."

Mark – Every time someone comes to me with a struggle on this issue, I find I learn more from them and I am encouraged so much through their testimony. It is incredible how much I learn from God's Word when I'm preparing a message. It's cyclical – I'm trying to speak truth into people's lives, and more often than not I think I'm the one who is learning the most. If someone is challenged when I speak or if someone feels like God has been speaking to them, even if it's just one person, then praise God!

Mark Hershey '07
Pre-seminary
Lancaster, PA



She said... Q&A with Rebecca Phillips and Grace Looney

Rebecca Phillips and Grace Looney are student leaders of Sanctify Ministries

What do you wish others understood about the subject of purity?

Rebecca – Purity is not just abstinence from sex; purity is emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual, too. As Christians, we are called to be different, but I think our generation doesn't always understand how to be different or why it's important to be different in the area of purity. When I was younger, I heard the *don'ts* loud and clear. I wish someone would have told me the *why's* of purity and modesty. The *don'ts* along with the *why's* makes a huge difference.

Grace – Our generation is bombarded with media messages that clearly show where our society stands on purity. You can't watch a single TV show or read a magazine without our culture telling us to "be appealing, be edgy, have a vibrant sex life." The Bible calls us to be set apart, to have higher standards, to have no hint of sexual immorality among us. The reason we do Sanctify is because there are lives at stake here. Not just the girls' lives now, but the husbands they will marry, and the kids they will have one day. The choices they make now for themselves will affect the next generation as well. The corporate church needs to stand up and be very vocal about this.

What positive outcomes have you seen in your work with Sanctify?

Grace – After our fall conference, I got a letter from three girls who started their own purity group at their church. They had T-shirts made and everything. They took what they learned at the retreat made it real at home and in their youth group. Several of the girls told me that if it hadn't been for the conference, they would have had a sexual relationship. A time, a place, and a person were in place to intervene.

Rebecca – I spoke at a conference on the topic of spiritual purity. I'd worked all week on the end of my speech, and I told God, "I don't know what I'm going to say." The day of my speech, I sat at a lunch table with several young girls, and a couple of them told me they were interested in Wicca. A few of us tried to share with them why Wicca is a dangerous thing, but they didn't want to hear it. The conversation discouraged me because I felt like we just got them angry at us and shut the door for further ministry that weekend.

Later, when it came time for my speech, God just gave me the words to say. It related back to the conversation with the girls, but I was able to express myself in a completely different way. Afterward, one of the girls came to me and said, "I understand now, and I can see exactly what you were talking about. I want to pray with you and talk to you more." We were able to connect her with another youth leader who had come from her area so she had someone she could talk to further at home. It was an amazing thing to hear her say "I understand now." To watch the girls as you're sharing your story, to watch their eyes, you can see those who are saying, "I can relate to that." This is a neat ministry.

Evan Carter '08
Business Management
Indianapolis, IN

Rebecca Phillips '07
Athletic Training
Haxtun, CO



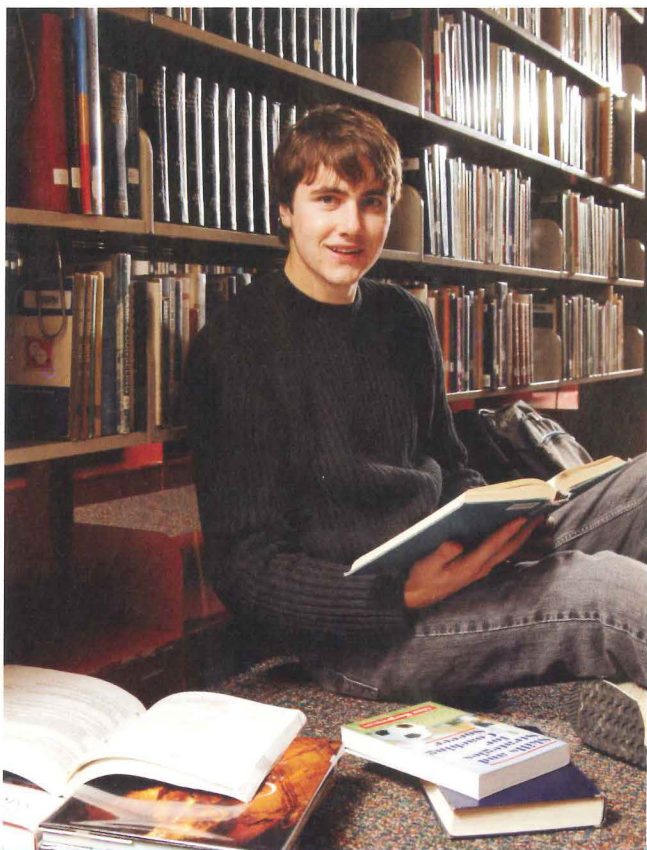
Grace Looney '09
Nursing
Chicago, IL

Scholarships make the difference

Cedarville students are talented young men and women who want more from their college experience – more than high-quality academic preparation, Cedarville students seek opportunities to do something significant. The students featured in this *Update* are no exception. They have found ways to use their talents, their time, and their voices to bring others to a stronger relationship with Christ.

Passion for their ministries is one factor that keeps these students at Cedarville. Another is scholarships. While Cedarville Fund gifts support annual program needs at the University – including the general scholarship fund – some donors desire a deeper level of involvement with Cedarville, and the students they assist, by establishing an endowed scholarship.

This year 198 named donor-funded scholarships distributed nearly \$1.1 million to 423 students. An additional 335 grants were provided through the University's general scholarship fund.



James and Ruby Wells Scholarship

Jim and Ruby Wells began contributing to Cedarville in the mid-1970s. Over time, they wanted to do more, but they were unsure how God could use their modest resources.

After a conversation with the Gift Planning Office, Ruby and Jim decided to place a portion of their family farm in a charitable remainder trust. They avoided all of the capital gains tax on their property and created income for the rest of their lives. Satisfied with their first gift plan, they funded a gift annuity next. They were thrilled by the fixed income it created, most of which was tax-free.

Jim's commitment to planning enabled Ruby to retain financial freedom even after his death in 1999. Ruby is still enjoying the stable income from her gift plans, which is more than sufficient to cover her living expenses, even as she requires advanced medical care.

Ruby's desire is to help students in her Haxtun, Colorado, church attend Cedarville University. Ruby continues to make annual gifts to Cedarville that we use to fund scholarships for students from her church. When the Lord calls her home, Cedarville will use the remaining assets in her gift annuities and charitable trust to endow a permanent scholarship fund.

So while these gift plans provided financial security for Jim and Ruby throughout their lifetimes, they also enabled students in their community to receive an exceptional education based on biblical truth.

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Jim and Ruby Wells began contributing to Cedarville in the mid-1970s. The Office of Gift Planning can help you realize your stewardship goals through a variety of gift planning options.

“When our daughter, Bethany, expressed an interest in attending Cedarville University, Ruby Wells made it an attainable dream. She helped set up a campus visit and provided a scholarship that covered a portion of the tuition for Bethany and our senior pastor’s daughter, Rebecca. They ended up being roommates for three years and friends for life.

If it wasn’t for a precious little lady in a single-wide trailer in a town of 900 in the middle of nowhere, Colorado, Cedarville would have passed us by.”

Yuki Johnson

“The Ruby Wells Scholarship has been a huge blessing. My dad is a pastor of a small-town church, so my family does not really have money to pay for my schooling. Without the generosity of people like Mrs. Wells, Cedarville would have been out of my reach.”

Rebecca Phillips '07

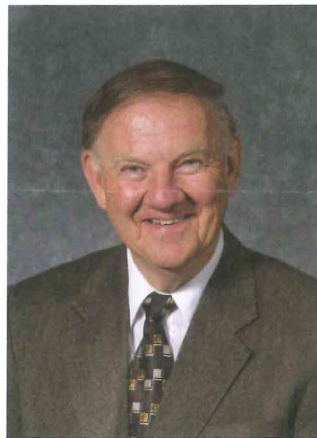
“I am amazed to see the way that God continually provides for me. When I received the Dr. Donald L. Tyler Scholarship, I was overjoyed and thankful for the generous contribution to my education. I was fortunate enough to meet Mrs. Tyler, and I feel as though this church and this family have partnered with me in supporting my experience at Cedarville.”

Mark Hershey '07

Dr. Donald L. Tyler Scholarship

Dr. Donald Tyler enjoyed a long and remarkable ministry as pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church in Brownsburg, Indiana. Under his leadership, Bethesda grew from 97 to more than 1,650 members, and the church planted 10 new churches and a Christian school in the Indianapolis area.

Upon his retirement in 1999, Bethesda Baptist Church worked with Cedarville’s gift planning office to establish the Dr. Donald L. Tyler Scholarship in honor of Don’s 40 years of faithful ministry. The church decided that the scholarship would assist a Bible major preparing for pastoral ministry and be awarded based on grade point average, leadership skills, and evangelistic qualities.



Donald Tyler served 35 years on the University’s Board of Trustees and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in 1977.

They chose Cedarville University because of Don’s 35 years of distinguished service on the University’s Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Martha, were very involved in Cedarville University and generously contributed to many programs and building initiatives. They were so thrilled by the scholarship bearing Don’s name, and their correspondence with the student recipients, that they increased the scholarship with personal contributions.

The Tyler Digital Communication Center (formerly the College Center) was dedicated just five months after Don’s death in 2002. Dr. Paul Dixon, then president, remarked, “I often tell people there is no explanation for Cedarville University’s growth and development except God and the people He uses in this place. Don and Martha Tyler are two of the people whom God used most effectively to further His work here.”

Tax-Free IRA Gifts

*If you own an IRA and are at least age 70½,
we have a tax savings opportunity for you!*

www.cedarville.edu/giftlegacy

Good news! The federal government now permits you to roll over amounts from your IRA to charity without claiming any increased income or paying any additional tax. To help charities further their good works, Congress recently changed the rules for charitable gifts made from individual retirement account (IRAs). These tax-free rollover gifts could be \$1,000, \$10,000, or any amount up to \$100,000 in one year.

There are several reasons why you might want to take advantage of this special opportunity:

Simple, Easy Way to Help Students

Many individuals own an IRA that has increased in value over the years, providing them with more income than they need. The IRA rollover gift is a simple and easy way to help Cedarville students, while not increasing your taxable income. Simply contact your custodian to transfer a portion of your IRA to Cedarville. Students will benefit from your gift, and you will avoid any additional tax.

You Can Give More

Perhaps you have already made cash gifts up to the federal limit for 2007. Although your charitable deductions for cash gifts are limited to 50% of your adjusted gross income for a given year, you may feel led to give even more this year to help students with financial need. With an IRA rollover gift, you can transfer excess funds from your IRA to Cedarville and still make your regular cash gifts up to the federal level. The result? You can give more without paying any more in tax.

Establish an Endowed Scholarship

As you evaluate your tax planning strategies, consider making a major gift to Cedarville to establish an endowed scholarship. Like many individuals, your IRA may be the largest asset in your estate, and your CPA may be looking for ways you can reduce taxes. By making annual IRA charitable rollover gifts, you can reach your goal of reducing taxable income while creating a permanent scholarship resource for Cedarville students.

Hope for the Hurting

For more than 20 years, Cedarville's counseling staff has faithfully tended to a hidden hurt among our students. General statistics suggest that, nationally, one in four young women will be sexually abused by age 18. Sadly, neither churches nor Christian college campuses are spared. The usual life transitions that most students experience during their college years can be difficult enough without the added layer of identity development these students face: Am I the same person I was before? What is my relationship with God? Is it possible to pursue purity? How can I move beyond this?

Threshold of Hope is a support group for college women who have experienced sexual abuse. Staff counselors **Rachel Heffield '02** and **Dr. Lori (Anderson) Hoffeditz '97** have led the group for the last two years. Rachel Heffield spoke with *Update* about helping students overcome the trauma of sexual abuse and find hope and healing in Christ.

"Threshold of Hope addresses the distortions in thinking that occur when someone has been abused – distortions in what they think about themselves, God, and relationships. Particularly when you begin to talk about sexual purity, one of the distortions is often that someone who has been sexually abused is no longer pure. In Mark 7, Jesus talks to the Pharisees about what Jewish law defines as 'clean and unclean.' In verse 15, He tells the crowd, 'Nothing outside a man can make him unclean.' Purity is determined by what is inside your heart."

"Our purpose for this group is to help students identify and tell the truth about what has happened in the past, recognize who they are and who God is, learn how to appropriately reconcile the situation, and ultimately find hope for the future. Most of the women come in with a lot of fear because this is a very sensitive topic. Some have addressed it before; some have never talked with anyone about it and are very skeptical. The group meets over 12 weeks (one semester), and last year we added a 'part two' where we dug deeper into rebuilding boundaries and healthy relationships for the future. We have been able to share testimonies from alumni and staff who have themselves lived through abuse and have gone on to live pure, happy, healthy lives. It is wonderful to see students grow in their confidence and understanding of God's love for them, despite what has happened, and ultimately experience restoration."

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Lord. A lot of girls don't realize that 'giving away just a little bit' has serious consequences, and I have dealt with those repercussions. Now, as a mother of four daughters, this topic is very close to my heart. When my eldest started high school, I thought, 'God, how do I teach her so she doesn't make the same mistakes?' He showed me that purity is a heart issue and a lifestyle."

The Sanctify conferences cover more than sexual purity. The women discuss how they can grow in the areas of mental, emotional, and spiritual purity as well. "Sexual purity is not often the primary issue for Christian girls because many have already set in their hearts and minds what lines they will not cross. They don't realize that unhealthy relationships in other areas of purity can be just as damaging."

This is why Yuki has launched a second women's Bible study this semester on emotional purity. "When young women enter a relationship without emotional boundaries, they often share too much intimate information too soon and really open themselves up for heartbreak when he pulls away. Emotional purity involves allowing yourself the freedom to get to know someone without giving away your heart. It is first and foremost determining to pursue a love relationship with Jesus Christ."

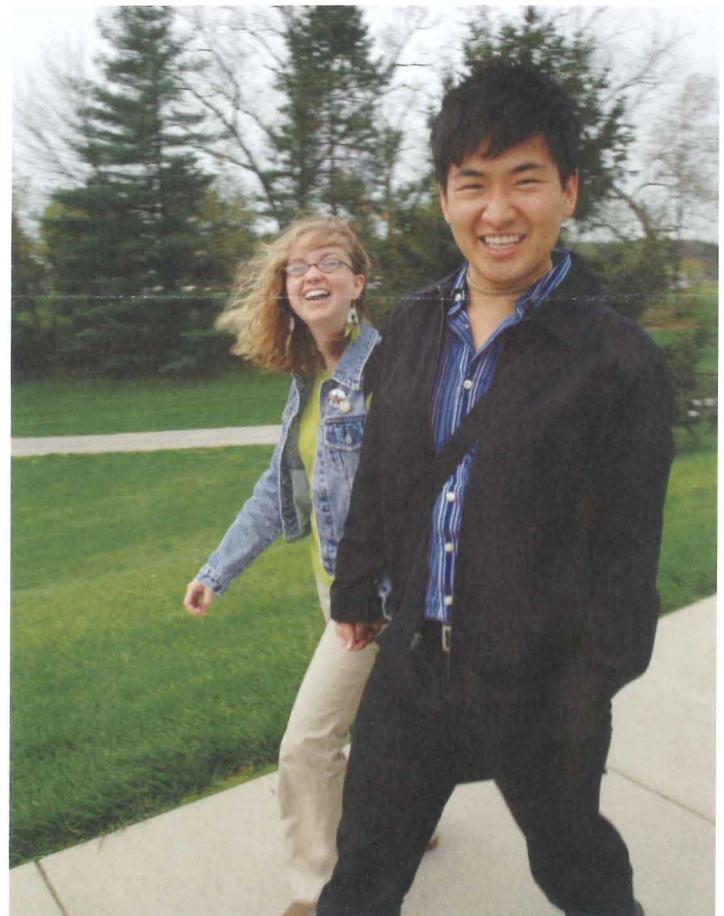
After six years of organizing purity conferences, Yuki has turned over the responsibilities of Sanctify Ministries to a team of 18 Cedarville students who hold varying roles within the organization. Team members can serve as group facilitators, conference coordinators, small group leaders, and speakers. In this way, each woman can use her unique gifts and be involved in a way that fits who she is.

The Sanctify team conducts weekend purity conferences at Ohio camps throughout the school year, and they have also developed a weekend mini-conference that they can present with church youth groups. The team closes out the weekend by hosting a tea party for the girls. Each girl takes home a tea cup and saucer as a reminder that their value in God's eyes is not that of a disposable Styrofoam cup, but precious china.

"In our culture, young people feel tremendous pressure to be a couple. I want to help women understand

that you don't have to have a 'significant other' to be significant. Our significance is found in Christ alone. But girls will ask, 'Who am I in Christ?' I can't show them who they are in Christ until they know who Christ is. This topic of purity is incredibly integrated. My vision is to help young women counteract the prevailing worldview by giving them a good, biblical foundation for living a lifestyle of purity."

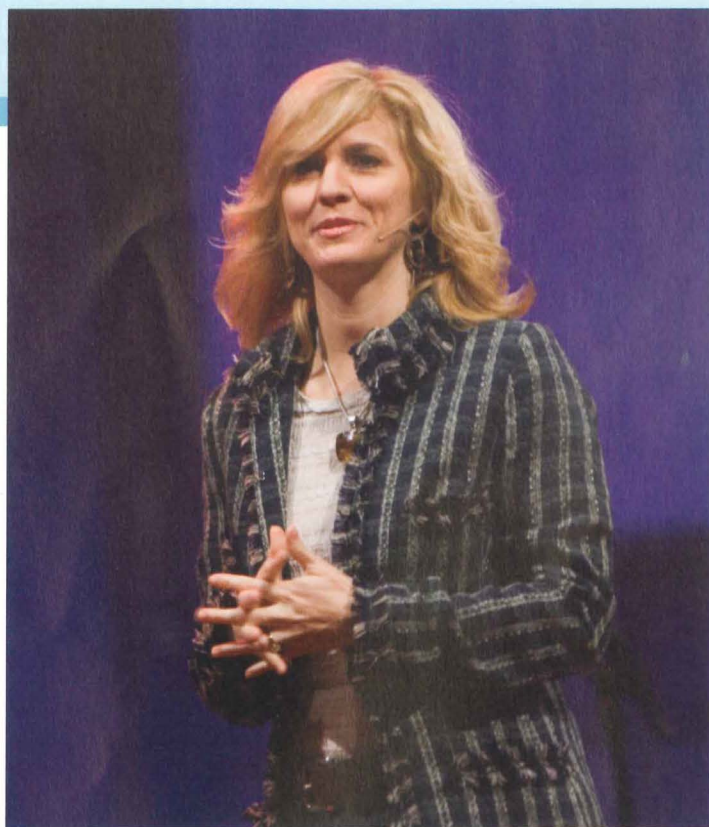
Yuki Johnson is the marketing assistant in Creative Services at Cedarville University. For further information on Sanctify Ministries, or to schedule a purity conference at your church, email yjohnson@cedarville.edu.



Additional Resource:

You-nique: Living a Sanctified Life

You-nique is a five-week small group study on purity for teen girls. Its magazine format includes articles, Scripture meditation, and discussion questions, and can be purchased in quantities for churches and youth groups. To purchase, contact yjohnson@cedarville.edu or call 937-532-5065.



Dannah and her husband, **Bob Gresh '88**, founded Pure Freedom. They have written resource materials for families and youth groups and speak around the country on the topic of purity. Visit their website for more information: www.purefreedom.org.

Chapel Notes

Dannah (Barker) Gresh '89, author of *And the Bride Wore White*, spoke in chapel November 29 - 30, 2006, on the topic of purity. Her remarks are available in their entirety courtesy of CDR Radio. Visit www.thepath.fm to find links to archived chapel messages.

"The Hebrew word *yada* – which means to know, to be known, to be deeply respected – is used 888 times in the Old Testament. Not only is it used to talk about that holy, pure marriage relationship between a husband and a wife, but it is used in verses like, 'Be still and know' – *yada* – 'that I am God.' The same word that God laces throughout the Old Testament to describe the relationship that you can have with one woman, with one man, is the same word that he chooses to talk about the intimacy we can have with Him."

"If your purity, if your sexuality has the power and potential to be a picture of the greatest spiritual truth there is, then how motivated do you think Satan is to destroy that in your life? He is motivated! Purity is not just about protecting yourself and the gifts God has for your life. It is also about protecting the body of Christ and the remnant of godly marriage relationships that provide a picture of the greatest love relationship the world could ever know – a relationship with Jesus Christ."

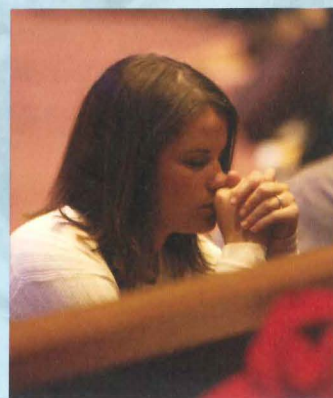
Prayer Requests

- Pray for our students as they study God's word together and strive for purity. Praise God for his spirit among our students, and their desire to be set apart in today's culture!
- Ministry impact for students, faculty, and staff participating on Spring Break MIS/service teams.
- Safety for students traveling over Spring Break.
- Continued fundraising efforts for the Biblical Studies Center.
- Scholarship dollars to assist our students.

To share your prayer request with the Cedarville family, visit www.cedarville.edu/prayer.

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